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SUBJECT: SIGNING OF U.S. BASES 1976 CBA

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1. AS FLAGGED IN PARAGRAPH 1 REFTTEL, CEREMONIAL SIGNING OF U.S. BASES 1976 CBA TOOK PLACE AFTERNOON JANUARY 16 AT U.S. NAVAL STATION THEATER, SUBIC. IN ADDITION TO FEDERATION (FFCEA) AND U.S. BASES NEGOTIATING PANELS, PARTICIPANTS IN CEREMONY INCLUDED GOVERNORS OF PAMPANGA AND ZAMBALES, MAYORS OF ANGELES CITY (CLARK AIR BASE) AND OLONGAPO (SUBIC NAVAL BASE), RADM T.J. KILCLINE (CINCPACREPPHIL), AND COL. B.W. HENSLEY (COMMANDER, CLARK AIR BASE). UNDERSECRETARY OF LABOR AMADO INCIONG WAS PRINCIPAL GUEST OF HONOR, AND TOGETHER WITH EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE ACTED AS FORMAL WITNESS TO SIGNING OF CBA.

2. DURING BRIEF REMARKS, BOTH RADM KILCLINE AND DR. RUBEN DE OCAMPO (FFCEA PRESIDENT) EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH CBA. INCIONG, ALSO EXPRESSING APPROVAL OF CBA, MADE SOME INTERSTING REMARKS REGARDING THE RIGHT TO STRIKE ON BASES. HE NOTED THAT 1968 BLA WAS NOT SPECIFIC

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ON THIS ISSUE, AND SAID HE FRANKLY HOPED HE WOULD NEVER

HAVE TO RULE ON MATTER OF LEGALITY OF STRIKES ON BASES.
HE VIEWED HIS ROLE - AND THAT OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR -
AS ATTEMPTING PREVENT ANY POSSIBLE STRIKES ON BASE
BEFORE THEY OCCURRED, THUS AVOIDING QUESTION OF LEGALITY.

3. COMMENT: ATMOSPHERE AT SIGNING CEREMONY WAS INFORMAL
AND FRIENDLY. INCIONG'S CAUTIOUS BUT HELPFUL STATEMENT
ON STRIKE ISSUE WAS MADE IN ANSWER TO DE OCAMPO'S EARLIER
REMARKS ABOUT POSSIBLE RECOURSE TO STRIKE ACTION SHOULD
NEED EVER ARISE. THREE-YEAR CBA WENT INTO EFFECT
JANUARY 8, 1976.
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